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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which:

- (a) ☒ is attached hereto.
- (b) ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as ☐ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ and was amended on \_ (*if applicable*).
- (c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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